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1. The aircraft engine repair plant is located about 1,000 meters northwest of Lenin Square in Serpukhov (54°54' N/37°24' E), Moscow Oblast, on the eastern side of the road to Moscow, about 200 meters southwest of the sharp curve in this road. (1) The plant, consisting of a workshop and an engine test plant, employed 2,000 to 3,000 men working three shifts. (2)
2. The grinding of 12-cylinder in-line engines and the assembly and disassembly of these engines after they had been subjected to a test run of six to eight hours was observed. (3) According to Soviets, the engines were manufactured at the plant. (4) Source doubts this and believes the plant to have been a repair installation. The engines packed in crates were shipped out by rail.
3. Aircraft engines seen in front of the workshop looked like the DB-601 engine which was known to source. (2)

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Comments

- (1) See Annex for sketch map indicating the location of the plant. This sketch was provided by the second PW. This information confirms previous reports, whose information goes up to December 1948 and May 1949 respectively.
- (2) From 500 to 800 men are believed to have worked in each of the shifts in the fall of 1948. According to a previous report, the test plant mentioned in the present report is a building with four test stands. Earlier reports indicated that the repair plant increased its activities considerably from 1946 to 1948.
- (3) In contrast to this, it was previously reported that mostly radial engines were repaired at the plant in 1946.
- (4) From all the available information it is believed that the installation is a repair plant. According to a previous report, an aircraft engine depot is also located in Serpukhov.

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1 Annex: Location Sketch of the Aircraft Engine Repair Shop in Serpukhov.

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